

Senate File 2124 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON VETERANS
AFFAIRS

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3090)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to authorized expenditures from the veterans
2 trust fund and providing for emergency rulemaking authority.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 35A.13, subsection 7, paragraphs a, d,
1 2 and e, Code Supplement 2007, are amended to read as follows:
1 3 a. Travel expenses for wounded veterans, and their
1 4 spouses, directly related to follow-up medical care.
1 5 d. Expenses related to ~~nursing facility or at-home care~~
1 6 ~~the purchase of durable medical equipment or services to allow~~
1 7 ~~veterans to remain in their homes.~~

1 8 e. ~~Benefits provided to children of disabled or deceased~~
1 9 ~~veterans. Expenses related to hearing care, dental care, vision~~
1 10 ~~care, or prescription drugs.~~

1 11 Sec. 2. Section 35A.13, subsection 7, Code Supplement
1 12 2007, is amended by adding the following new paragraphs:
1 13 NEW PARAGRAPH. i. Expenses related to ambulance and
1 14 emergency room services for veterans who are trauma patients.
1 15 NEW PARAGRAPH. j. Emergency expenses related to vehicle
1 16 repair, housing repair, or temporary housing assistance.

1 17 Sec. 3. Section 35A.13, Code Supplement 2007, is amended
1 18 by adding the following new subsection:
1 19 NEW SUBSECTION. 10. The department may adopt emergency
1 20 rules under section 17A.4, subsection 2, and section 17A.5,
1 21 subsection 2, paragraph "b", to implement the provisions of
1 22 this section and the rules shall be effective immediately upon
1 23 filing unless a later date is specified in the rules. Any
1 24 rules adopted in accordance with this subsection shall also be
1 25 published as a notice of intended action as provided in
1 26 section 17A.4.

EXPLANATION

1 27 This bill concerns the veterans trust fund.
1 28 The bill modifies what expenses may be paid from moneys in
1 29 the veterans trust fund. The bill provides that travel
1 30 expenses of spouses of wounded veterans may be paid if the
1 31 travel is related to follow-up care for the veteran. The bill
1 32 eliminates as a permissible expenditure from the trust fund
1 33 expenses related to nursing facility care and provides that
1 34 at-home expenses for veterans are payable from the fund if the
2 1 expenses are for the purchase of durable medical equipment or
2 2 services to allow a veteran to remain in their home. The bill
2 3 also eliminates as a permissible expenditure from the trust
2 4 fund benefits provided to children of disabled or deceased
2 5 veterans. The bill provides that expenses related to hearing
2 6 care, dental care, vision care, prescription drugs, and
2 7 ambulance and emergency room services for veterans who are
2 8 trauma patients are permissible expenditures from the trust
2 9 fund. The bill also permits emergency expenses related to
2 10 vehicle repair, housing repair, or temporary housing
2 11 assistance.

2 12 The bill also authorizes the department of veterans affairs
2 13 to adopt emergency rules to implement the provisions of the
2 14 veterans trust fund.
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